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**NATIONAL INSTITUTION**

FOR

**THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY.**

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## MEMORIAL.

*To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:*

The Memorial of the National Institution for the Promotion of Industry

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS,

That your memorialists are deeply impressed with the necessity of such a change in the policy of the country as shall protect the industry of its citizens, agriculturists, manufacturers, and merchants, from the injurious interference and competition of foreign nations.

That, in their opinion, such a change and such protection alone can cause that division of labor which the welfare of the country demands, and that such a change would be chiefly beneficial to agriculture, by relieving it of redundant and superfluous labor, and enabling it to produce wool, flax, hemp, and other important staples in place of those for which there is no market at home or abroad, by giving scope to every description of industry, and activity and safety to the circulating medium; causing a demand for the products of labor and of the soil; making property productive; and, in a word, enabling the population to supply a greater proportion, than they now do, of their own wants immediately by their own labor, and to furnish for exportation a greater variety of articles which can be sold abroad, than they are able to do at present.

That your memorialists ask that the industry of the country may be protected on the broadest and most comprehensive principles; and, as they do not advocate it for the particular benefit of manufactures, or those concerned in any other interest in particular, but disclaim all local and partial considerations, so, on the other hand, they do not think the question should be prejudiced by the objections which any class of manufacturers may make, any more than by the objections which may be urged by a certain class of merchants.

That your memorialists believe the measures proposed at the last session of Congress are, in their nature, calculated to subserve the purpose which they deem of so much importance, to operate beneficially and equally upon the whole country, and to check, in some measure, the injurious competition of foreign industry with that of this country, in the instances in which it is most severely and most extensively felt.

Your memorialists therefore pray your Honorable Bodies—  
To impose a duty of ten per centum on sales by auction;  
To abolish the credits allowed on the duties on foreign merchandise; and,

To modify the tariff of duties, so as to protect the labor and resources of the nation.

On behalf of the Institution,

W. FEW, *President*.

*New York, December, 1820.*